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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Town Officials
OF



FOR THE
Financial Year Ending March 1, 1913.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1912.

TOWN CLERK :

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1915
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SELECTMEN :

GARDNER M. DEAN,	Term expires 1915
JOHN P. DAY,	Term expires 1913
GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD,	Term expires 1914

ASSESSORS :

WALTER A. WOODIS,	Term expires 1915
SYLVESTER H. HASKELL,	Term expires 1913
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1914

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

WM. H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1915
EDMUND CODY,	Term expires 1913
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1914

SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1915
J. NELSON BALL,	Term expires 1913
MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1914

LIBRARY TRUSTEES :

MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1915
HENRY C. FOBES,	Term expires 1913
SARA E. BUTLER,	Term expires 1914

CEMETERY COMMITTEE :

MASON S. DEAN,	Term expires 1915
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1913
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,	Term expires 1914

COLLECTOR :

EDMUND CODY.

TREASURER :

GEORGE S. BUTLER.

AUDITOR :

WALTER M. ROBINSON.

TREE WARDEN :

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR :

WILLIAM A. NYE.

FENCE VIEWERS :

JESSE ALLEN,	S. H. HASKELL,
C. H. TROWBRIDGE.	

CONSTABLES :

WILLIAM C. AYRES,	WALTER R. DEAN,
FRANK L. CHEEVER,	HENRY W. BARTLETT,
CHAS. S. CLIFFORD,	FRED H. PARMENTER,

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK :

F. C. CALDWELL,	A. C. MORSE,	S. R. DEAN,
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MEASURERS OF LUMBER :

W. R. DEAN,	W. A. WOODIS,
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES :

OMER D. TOTTINGHAM.

FIELD DRIVERS.

W. ANGIER, J. W. DWELLEY, F. C. CALDWELL,
WILLIAM SNEY,

CATTLE INSPECTOR :

GEORGE W. STONE.

UNDERTAKER :

JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

AGENT TO PROSECUTE AND DEFEND ALL SUITS FOR OR AGAINST
THE TOWN.

FRANK S. CONANT.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT :

CHARLES L. RANDALL.

FOREST FIREWARD :

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

THE selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending March 1, 1913:

Paid Town Officers.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid town clerk for services,	\$35 65	
Postage and telephoning,	6 16	
	————	\$41 81

TREASURER.

Paid treasurer for services,	\$35 00	
Freight, express and postage,	13 93	
	————	\$48 93

COLLECTOR.

Paid collector for services,	\$75 00	
Stamps and envelopes,	9 10	
One book,	1 25	
Discount on taxes,	241 51	
	————	\$326 86

SELECTMEN.

Paid G. M. Dean,	\$25 00	
J. P. Day,	25 00	
G. T. Butterfield,	25 00	
Postage and telephoning,	7 54	
	————	\$82 54

ASSESSORS.

Paid S. H. Haskell,	\$42 50	
W. H. Parkman,	42 50	
W. A. Woodis,	49 00	
Probates and deeds,	7 09	
	————	\$141 09

AUDITOR.

Paid W. M. Robinson,	\$25 00
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SEALER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Paid O. D. Tottingham,	\$12 00	
One steel die,	62	
	————	\$12 62

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid for support of paupers,	\$227 82
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid for support of schools,	\$3768 19
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SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid for highways and bridges,	\$1413 35
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BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid C. F. Caldwell,	\$2 00	
J. W. Dwelly,	2 00	
J. P. Fairbank,	4 00	
A. C. Morse,	6 00	
W. A. Woodis,	4 00	
W. W. Russell,	2 00	
W. McClanathan,	2 00	
S. R. Dean,	2 00	
	————	\$24 00

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Paid for support of Library,	\$359 86
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid G. M. Dean,	\$18 00
J. P. Day,	18 00
G. T. Butterfield,	18 00
Jesse Allen,	14 00
	————— \$68 00

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT PRIMARY CAUCUS.

Paid A. C. Morse,	\$2 00
H. U. Crawford,	2 00
T. C. Gaffney,	2 00
S. R. Dean,	2 00
	————— \$8 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Earl Lawless,	\$60 00
Walter Howe,	55 00
C. H. Trowbridge,	1 90
W. W. Russell,	1 10
G. S. Butler,	23 48
C. H. Parker & Son,	22 01
Wayland Angier,	17 13
W. S. Crawford,	1 95
	————— \$182 57

UNDERTAKER.

Paid services and death returns,	\$13 25
H. Splaine, death return,	25
	————— \$13 50

BOND FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Massachusetts Bonding Co.,	\$24 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	\$25 66	
H. K. Barnes, Co.,	21 14	
W. S. Crawford, fire wagon,	78 00	
C. S. Clifford,	1 50	
C. Cody,	3 00	
	————	\$129 30

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Paid Edward Green,	\$107 35	
W. R. Vance,	5 00	
G. S. Butler,	3 70	
	————	\$116 05

OPENING ROADS.

Paid G. T. Butterfield,	\$1 00	
Fred Exley,	1 11	
W. H. Riley,	1 33	
Justin Rawson,	1 05	
H. W. Stone,	1 33	
	————	\$5 82

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTH.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	\$45 95	
Carl Christiansen,	17 03	
George A. Briggs,	10 62	
George S. Butler,	40	
Clarence Grimes,	22 11	
	————	\$96 11

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid G. S. Butler,	\$2 79	
C. Cody,	2 50	
G. M. Dean,	10 05	
	————	\$15 34

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax,	\$625 00
County tax,	385 00
	-----\$1010 00

INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS.

Paid G. W. Stone,	\$40 50
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STATE ROAD.

Paid for building new road,	\$4334 67
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STATE AID.

Paid H. M. Green,	\$36 00
S. A. Reed,	48 00
J. E. Stone,	72 00
I. N. Munroe,	24 00
S. Vaughn,	24 00
	----- \$204 00

WORCESTER TRUST CO.

Paid for money borrowed,	\$1500 00
Interest,	15 50
	-----\$1515 50

POLICE.

Paid Frank Cheever,	\$2 00
F. H. Parmenter,	5 00
W. C. Ayres,	4 00
C. S. Clifford,	8 00
	----- \$19 00

TREE WARDEN.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	\$12 63
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid W. W. Russell, care of hall,	\$54 12
W. W. Russell, building cupboard,	2 32
Jennie C. Spooner, printing,	117 25
W. C. Ayres, constable,	4 00
F. E. Davis, record book,	3 85
Hobbs & Warren, blanks,	1 36
W. H. Parkman, moving safe,	5 00
G. M. Dean, oil can,	65
G. M. Dean, express,	1 20
R. F. Parker, repairing door,	2 50
G. S. Butler, oil,	3 08
Jesse Allen, supplies,	4 59
C. F. Gettemy, certifying notes,	9 00
C. H. Parker & Son, oil tank,	5 00
Worcester Brass Band,	94 00
Jesse Allen, tuning piano,	3 35
O. V. I. Society, dinner for band,	10 50
Mrs. M. Malcolm, entertaining speaker,	2 00
John P. Day, repairs,	75
G. M. Dean, expenses to Oakdale,	1 76
Hobbs & Warren, warrants,	1 35
G. M. Dean, expenses to Boston,	4 35
M. D. Jones, markers for soldiers' graves,	100 00
Dr. E. S. Douglass, fumigating,	14 30
Davis & Cook, insurance,	75 00
John P. Day, wood,	20 00
Geo. S. Butler, oil,	19 29
Carter Ink Co., ink,	76
G. T. Butterfield, moving big safe,	10 00
F. H. Parmenter, dog officer,	7 60
Jennie C. Spooner, printing,	7 25
H. C. Fobes, labor,	1 50

Paid G. M. Dean, labor,	\$1 50	
John P. Ranger, Fisk case,	11 60	
G. S. Butler, interest on state tax,	1 83	
W. E. Weeks, eave troughs,	25 16	
John P. Day, repairing pump,	75	
C. H. Trowbridge, labor,	1 75	
W. F. Fullam, chain and buckets,	4 10	
F. E. Davis, care town clock,	25 00	
E. A. Stevens, one-fourth liquor license,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$909 37
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		\$15,176 43

Revised List of Jurors.

Henry W. Bartlett, farmer,
 Frank E. Davis, librarian,
 Wayland Angier, farmer,
 C. Frank Caldwell, mechanic,
 Sylvester R. Dean, miller,
 Wallace W. Grimes, farmer,
 Sylvester H. Haskell, farmer.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER M. DEAN,
 JOHN P. DAY,
 G. T. BUTTERFIELD,
Selectmen of Oakham.

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

March 1, to cash on hand,		\$512 22
Received of E. Cody, taxes, 1909,	\$11 22	
E. Cody, taxes, 1910,	222 09	
E. Cody, taxes, 1911,	831 66	
E. Cody, taxes, 1912,	5015 47	
Discount on taxes,	241 51	
Interest on cemetery fund for 1911-'12,	55 00	
Of cemetery committee,	100 25	
For rent of Memorial hall,	56 75	
For lot No. 41, in Pine Grove cemetery,	10 00	
For chemicals,	8 80	
H. H. Barnes, one carboy,	1 00	
B. & M. R. R., fighting fire,	4 45	
State of Massachusetts, protection against fires,	52 85	
For lumber,	6 00	
Guy C. Allen & Co., liquor license,	1000 00	
Same, Innholder's certificate,	1 00	
Two butchers' licenses,	2 00	
State of Massachusetts, compensated inspection of animals,	32 55	
State of Massachusetts, tuition of children,	100 50	
State of Massachusetts, high school in special cases,	820 00	

Received, State of Massachusetts, income

Massachusetts school fund,	\$1302 55	
W. C. Temple, account school superintendent,	171 87	
Boston appropriation for school committee,	91 51	
Tuition for Barre school children,	38 00	
Rent of common, Aug. 28,	3 50	
Central district court, balance of fines.	13 57	
Matthew Walker, balance of fines,	6 08	
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax,	6 75	
State of Massachusetts, National Bank tax,	28 50	
State of Massachusetts, state aid,	264 00	
Dog fund returned, 86 per cent.,	137 25	
F. E. Davis, fines and cards,	6 92	
Borrowed of Worcester Trust Co.,	2500 00	
State highway, loan fund,	1770 06	
Ruth H. Robinson estate,	50 00	
Interest on National Bank deposits,	11 09	
	—————	\$14,974 74
		—————
		\$15,486 96

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By paying selectmen's orders,	\$15,176 42	
Trust fund deposited,	50 00	
	—————	\$15,226 42
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Balance in treasury,		\$260 54
Due Worcester Trust Co.,		\$1000 00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

George H. Gould,	\$100 00
Daniel H. Dean.	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150 00
Stephen Lincoln,	50 00
Charles H. Fobes,	100 00
Martha M. Macullar,	100 00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25 00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50 00
Mary E. Brown,	50 00
Weeks & Elliott,	100 00
Sumner Reed,	100 00
Lewis N. Haskell,	100 00
Lewis Allen,	100 00
Jesse Allen,	100 00
Ruth H. Robinson,	50 00
Library fund,	702 14

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BUTLER,
Treasurer.

Collector's Report.

	DR.		
Uncollected taxes for 1909,		\$35 96	
Interest,		3 18	
		<hr/>	\$39 14
	CR.		
By treasurer's receipts,			11 22
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			27 92
	DR.		
Uncollected taxes for 1910,		218 34	
Interest,		22 48	
Error in warrant,		17 04	
		<hr/>	257 86
	CR.		
By treasurer's receipts,			222 09
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			35 77
	DR.		
Uncollected taxes for 1911,		959 37	
Interest,		41 34	
		<hr/>	1000 71
	CR.		
By treasurer's receipts,		831 66	
Abatements,		14 20	
		<hr/>	845 86
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			154 85

Taxes committed to me for collection September 1, 1912.

State tax,	\$625 00
County tax,	385 00
Town tax,	5089 00
Overlayings,	105 71
Interest,	3 38
	—————\$6208 09

Cr.

By treasurer's receipts,	5253 60
	—————
	\$954 49

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,
Collector.

REPORT OF Superintendent of Streets.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$599 10
G. T. Butterfield,	126 00
A. L. Newton,	105 00
S. F. Woodis,	168 21
J. C. Woodis,	188 13
Wm. Beckwith,	75 56
David Hallowell,	32 14
F. E. Loring,	11 32
Frank Howe,	24 00
N. J. Green,	23 32
C. G. Christiansen,	18 00
O. D. Webber,	6 10
C. H. Trowbridge,	5 25
Albert Wilson,	4 00
J. L. Smith,	9 85
Wm. Gaffney,	2 00
L. P. Green,	1 44
A. B. Spooner,	5 98
C. H. Parker & Son,	7 20
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	\$1413 35

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE,
Superintendent of Streets.

OPENING ROADS.

Paid W. A. Riley,	\$1 33
Fred Exley,	1 11
J. E. Rawson,	1 05
H. W. Stone,	1 33
G. T. Butterfield,	1 00
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	\$5 82

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS of the POOR.

Paid Fred T. Parkman,	\$47 00
C. S. Lane,	31 12
Westfield Sanatorium,	24 00
Dr. E. S. Douglass,	24 00
C. H. Parker & Son,	30 30
George S. Butler,	18 15
Mrs. Elbridge Capen,	8 00
Jesse Allen, overseer,	25 25
Wm. H. Parkman, overseer,	15 00
Edmund Cody, overseer,	5 00
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	\$227 82

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,
EDMUND CODY,
Overseers of the Poor.

YEARLY REPORT OF THE TOWN FARM ASSOCIATION

From February 1, 1912, to February 1, 1913.

EXPENDITURES.

Salary, warden and matron,	\$650 00
Outside help,	335 55
Inside help,	430 23
Groceries,	1217 56
Meat,	323 82
Grain,	1181 87
Boots, shoes and clothing,	82 84
Medicine and medical attendance,	111 59
Miscellaneous,	430 15
Fish and oysters,	57 37
Tobacco,	31 32
Rent and interest,	585 96
Wood and coal,	256 18
Stock,	532 50
Tools and seeds,	186 62
Hardware,	20 60
Replenishing,	43 50
Phosphate,	47 00
Blacksmithing,	54 84
Filling silo,	74 25
Dry goods,	190 99

Horse,	\$150 00
Veterinary,	14 70
Harness,	15 50
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	\$7024 94

RECEIPTS.

Milk,	\$2411 70
Eggs and poultry,	90 96
Stock,	353 12
Outside labor,	430 96
Miscellaneous,	112 41
Vegetables,	103 00
Hay,	50 00
Board received from sundry persons,	190 50

CASH RECEIVED.

Charlton,	\$329 11
Leicester,	599 25
Paxton,	201 91
Auburn,	254 89
Westminster,	751 00
Princeton,	201 91
Holden,	247 16
Hubbardston,	360 85
Rutland,	246 32
Hardwick,	89 89
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	\$7024 94

The number of inmates who have been supported by the Charlton Poor Farm Association from February 1, 1912, to February 1, 1913, constitutes the following apportionment:

Town.	Inmates.	Weeks.	Price.	Amount.
Charlton.	2	85 $\frac{2}{7}$	\$3.863	\$329 11
Leicester,	4	156 $\frac{1}{7}$	3.863	599 25

Paxton,	1	52 $\frac{2}{7}$	3.863	201 91
Auburn,	2	66	3.863	254 89
Westminster,	4	194 $\frac{3}{7}$	3.863	751 00
Princeton,	1	52 $\frac{2}{7}$	3.863	201 91
Holden,	3	64	3.863	247 16
Hubbardston,	2	93 $\frac{3}{7}$	3.863	360 85
Rutland,	2	63 $\frac{6}{7}$	3.863	246 32
Hardwick,	4	23 $\frac{2}{7}$	3.863	89 89

\$3282 29

HOBART RAYMOND, *President.*

E. W. MERRICK, *Secretary.*

A. FREDERICK PUTNAM, *Treasurer.*

Fobes Memorial Library.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Balance on hand,	\$0 90
Fines and cards,	6 92
Town,	5 00
To cash from dog fund,	134 82
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	\$147 64

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Paid F. E. Davis, librarian,	\$50 00
G. N. Briggs, exchange of books,	25 00
For books,	51 70
For magazines,	8 10
Town, cards and fines,	6 92
For postage, express and supplies,	2 54
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	\$144 26
Balance on hand,	3 38
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	\$147 64
Amount of library fund Jan. 1, 1913,	\$702 14

Contributors to the library during the year; J. W. Baldwin, F. E. Davis, H. C. Fobes, Mrs. M. L. Woodis, Y. P. S. C. E., A. C. Angier, G. M. Dean, Mrs. Ella Bullard, Newton Monroe, W. H. Bullard, Mrs. Fannie Butler, Miss Emily K. Dean,

William Bowers, Wayland Angier, Mrs. Kate Wilkinson, Henry E. Dean, Fred S. Reed, Miss Emily Mellen, Myron Holden, Mrs. David Hallowell, Miss Laura G. Burt, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Russell, Charles Packard, John Crawford, Orrin Ensor, Mrs. Frank Howe, Miss Margaret Gilboy, Richard V. Malcolm, B. S. Trumble, Henry Grimes, Amos Harwood, Mrs. Mary Edson, W. R. Dean, Sara E. Butler.

Thanks are extended to all contributors.

HENRY C. FOBES,
SARA E. BUTLER,
MINNIE L. WOODIS,
Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

DURING the year the library has been open	103 days.
Circulation for home use,	2705
Largest number charged in one day, July 12,	46
Smallest number charged in one day, Dec. 24,	4
Loaned for use in the public schools,	61

The list of periodicals for the reading room has been slightly changed. Those now found on the table are: Technical World, McClure's, Everybody's Magazine, Good Housekeeping, Ladies Home Journal, Christian Herald, Christian Endeavor World, Youth's Companion, Every Land, Worcester Telegram, Farm Journal, Boston Common.

After removal from the table, the magazines are loaned for home use. The library has 2244 catalogued volumes.

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR.

TITLE.	AUTHOR.
The Mayor's Wife,	Anna K. Green
Old Rose and Silver,	Myrtle Reed
The Shadow of Victory,	Myrtle Reed
At the Sign of the Jack O'Lantern,	Myrtle Reed
Flower of the Dusk,	Myrtle Reed
Mr. Pratt,	Joseph Lincoln
The Postmaster,	Joseph Lincoln
Paradise Farm,	Katherine Tynan
The way of an Eagle,	E. M. Dell
Keeping up with Lizzie,	Bachelor, Irving
Jinks' Inside,	Harriet Hobson
The Position of Peggy,	Leonard Merrick
A Tour and a Romance,	Alice Robbins
The Harvester,	Gene Stratton Porter
An Old Fashioned Girl,	Louise Alcott
Uncle Tom's Cabin,	Harriet Beecher Stowe
A Prairie Courtship,	Harold Bindloss
Pickett's Gap,	Homer Greene
The Fair Irish Maid,	Justin McCarthy
A Safety Match,	Ian Hay
A Maid of Old New York,	Amelia Barr
Dave Porter and his Classmates,	Edward Stratemeyer
Mother,	Kathleen Norris
The Winning of Barbara Worth,	Harold Bell Wright
The Long Roll,	Mary Johnston
The Man from Brodneys,	G. B. McCutcheon
Cape Cod Folks,	Sarah P. M. Greene
Vane of the Timberlands,	Harold Bindloss
The Message.	Louis Tracy
Lords of the Soil,	Lydia Jocelyn
The Black Mask,	Lydia Jocelyn
Clever Betsy,	Clara Burnham

What all the World's a Seeking,
Sweet Clover,
The Circular Staircase,
Book of Mormon.

17th Reg. Mass. Vol. Infantry,
Lays of Ancient Rome,
Life of Alice Freeman Palmer,
Life of Mary Lyon,
In Darkest Africa,
History of the Bible,
The Art of Home Making,
Game Birds, Wild Fowl and Shore Birds,
Russell H. Conwell,
Chronicles of Avonlea,
The White Shield,
Cap'n Warren's Wards,
At the Foot of the Rainbow,
Their Yesterdays,
Charge It,
Dave Porter at Star Ranch,
English Orphans,
Life and Religion of the Hindoos,
Picturesque America,
Duxbury Vital Records.
Framingham Vital Records.
Sherborn Vital Records.
Carver Vital Records.
Newburyport Vital Records.
Stow Vital Records.
Hopkinton Vital Records.
Worthington Vital Records.
Hull Vital Records.

Ralph Waldo Trine
Clara Burnham
Mary Rinehart

Thomas Kirwan
Lord Macaulay
G. H. Palmer
B. B. Gilchrist
Henry M. Stanley
John Kitto, D. D.
Margaret Sangster
E. H. Forbush
Agnes R. Burr
L. M. Montgomery
Myrtle Reed
Joseph Lincoln
Gene S. Porter
Harold B. Wright
Irving Bacheller
Edward Stratemeyer
Mary J. Holmes
Joguth Gangooly
Wm. Cullen Bryant

FRANK E. DAVIS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE Cemetery Committee.

Paid Edwin Green, superintendent, services,	\$107 35
Geo. S. Butler,	3 70
W. R. Vance,	5 00
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	\$116 05

The cemeteries of the town have been well cared for during the year. A row of shade trees has been set out opposite the Pine Grove cemetery. Several have provided for the perpetual care of their family burial lots while living. Others will probably do so soon. The income of one hundred dollars amply provides for general care and necessary improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
J. P. FAIRBANK,
MASON S. DEAN,
Cemetery Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the selectmen, overseers of poor, school committee, road commissioner, cemetery committee, tree and fire wardens, moth exterminator and library trustees so far as I was able, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the treasurer and collector and found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON.

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES.

School fund,	\$1302 55
Support of schools,	1200 00
School superintendent,	60 00
Medical inspection,	25 00
State return for school superintendent,	171 87
Education of State children,	100 50
Education of Boston children,	91 50
High school tuition refunded,	820 00
Education of Barre children.	38 00
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	\$3809 42

School Expenses.

SALARIES.

Paid Superintendent C. L. Randall,	\$255 00
Miss F. E. Bothwell,	363 00
Ethel L. Braman,	330 00
Ruth E. Butterfield,	363 00
Lottie Thresher,	99 00
M. E. O'Donnell,	208 00
Mrs. Effie Swindell,	330 00
Ruth Dwelley.	124 00
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	\$2072 00

SUPPLIES

Paid for supplies,	\$183 21
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FUEL.

Paid James Gaffney,	\$11 00
J. E. Stone,	12 50
W. R. Dean,	20 00
J. P. Day,	20 00
G. T. Butterfield,	11 40
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	\$74 90

TUITION.

Paid town of North Brookfield,	\$240 00
Paid town of Barre,	450 00
Paid town of Hardwick,	50 00
Paid town of Holden,	80 00
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	\$820 00

REPAIRS.

Paid for repairs,	\$438 23
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CARE OF HOUSES.

Paid W. W. Russell,	\$57 90
Willie Gaffney,	17 00
Herman Dean,	3 50
Marion Rutherford,	4 00
Walter Tucker,	4 00
Eric Harvey,	15 00
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	\$101 40

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Paid Dr. A. H. Fuller,	\$3 00
Dr. Stickney,	20 00
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	\$23 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid J. N. Ball,	\$6 00
Jesse Allen,	36 00
Mrs. M. L. Woodis,	13 45

\$55 45

Total, \$3768 19

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

J. NELSON BALL,

MINNIE L. WOODIS,

School Committee.

REPORT OF THE Superintendent of Schools.

HOLDEN, MARCH 6, 1913.

To the School Committee of the Town of Oakham:

YOUR schools are in good condition at the present time. There has been but one change among your teachers during the past year, Miss Lottie Thresher, who taught at the West, is now taking a normal school course at Fitchburg. Her home friends wish her every success. Miss May E. O'Donnell, who is now teaching at the West school, is doing good work; we were fortunate to secure her.

The number of pupils has changed but slightly from that of a year ago, one more. Your pupils who are attending high schools in other towns are uniformly doing satisfactory work.

There has been more than the ordinary amount of sickness for the past year, though not of a serious nature. Many pupils who are accustomed to have their names placed on the Honor Roll have been prevented from a perfect attendance by illness; for this reason I have prepared a list marked "Honorary Mention."

DESKS.

We have been so fortunate this year as to be able to place adjustable desks and seats in each school in town. This is a step of some importance. It is worth much to the physical

welfare of the pupil that his seat and desk be comfortable and adjusted to his height.

DISTRICTS.

Maps, too, have been placed in the three districts. It is my belief that just so long as there are pupils enough in a district to make it worth while to continue the school, we should endeavor to give to the children of these schools in furniture, supplies, and all equipment, just as good as we do to the children of the village.

In this connection I wish to tell you of an attempt that I have made in the Dawson district school in Holden, to furnish distribution of heat and ventilation. It is well-known that the common wood stove placed in one end of the rooms, heats only by conduction and offers absolutely nothing in the way of ventilation.

A hole fourteen inches square was cut under the stove and a jacket was made from galvanized iron just the height of the stove and six inches larger in radius. Many small holes, whose aggregate area equaled the aperture beneath the stove, were cut in the top of the jacket. When a window was lowered as remote as possible from the stove you will see that a simple method of heating and ventilating is secured.

It will take but an elementary knowledge of the laws of physics to perceive that this method must prove a success. I visited the school in question on the coldest day of the present winter to see the workings of the jacketed stove, both teacher and older pupils gave unqualified testimony to its success. One eighth grade girl in the back of the room said, "It's just the same heat here now as anywhere else in the room."

The cost is less than ten dollars per school and would save itself in a few years in fuel.

I would like to see such an arrangement as I have described in every district schoolhouse,

GRADUATION.

The annual ninth grade graduation exercises occurred June 14, 1912, with the following program:

March,	The Schools
Invocation,	Rev. Albert Plumb
Song, "Bluebirds,"	Schools
Welcome,	Aloin Barrows Swindell
Recitation, "Two Seekers,"	Edward Gaffney
Recitation, "Just a Laugh,"	Helen Gaffney
Duet, "Reuben and Rachel,"	Helma Carlson, Dorothy Newton
Essay, "The Potato Club,"	John O'Donnell
Recitation, "Vacation,"	Willie Gaffney
Recitation, "Push On,"	Eddie Sullivan
Song, "Springtime,"	Schools
Exercise, "In June,"	Catherine and Anna Leyden
Recitation, "Envy,"	Douglas Rutherford
Dialogue, "In Bookland,"	Coldbrook School
Song, "Lily Bells,"	Schools
Address,	J. E. Warren, Agent of State Board Education
Song, "Woodland Rose,"	Schools
Farewell,	Herman Dean
Presentation of Certificates,	Dea. Jesse Allen
Closing Song,	School

BANKING.

In May of 1912 arrangements were made with the Worcester County Institution for Savings whereby a pupil may deposit in his own school any sum from a penny up with perfect safety. When his money amounts to three dollars it is placed on interest and a real bank book is issued to the child. This has been done with no expense either to the pupil or to

the town. One hundred seventy-four dollars and fifty-four cents have been deposited by Oakham pupils since the inception of this plan in May.

Not only is thrift taught to the child, but good business training also is encouraged, as he makes out his own deposit slips and learns something of banking laws.

LUNCH.

I described one year ago the lunch hour in the Grammar school. We have added to the plan by having a few dishes, cups and saucers, etc., and a table is set during the winter term. Anyone who called at the room at 12.15 o'clock would be impressed with the homelike attitude, with teacher seated at the head of the table, and as many pupils as possible arranged around the table with the others seated at desks in the front of the room, while the lunches are eaten off plates, and hot cocoa is served by some of the older girls.

This whole service takes but a few minutes daily from school time, not more than five for one girl, and makes the noon period among the most valuable of the day.

Any school where the teacher carries her own lunch can do something similar. I heartily commend it. It has been tried with success in one of my district schools in another town.

INSTITUTE.

On January 15, 1913, Mr. J. E. Warren held an all-day teacher's convention for the teachers of my district at Holden.

Miss Hannah P. Waterman of North Adams Normal School and Mr. Wm. E. Riley of Lowell Normal School were the speakers. The day was a success; the lessons given by Mr. Riley with the teachers for his class are already showing effect in the daily work in the schoolroom.

POTATO CLUB.

The potato club was again carried on successfully with seed potatoes furnished by the state college. At the Fair held under auspices of the Grange last October new features were seen.

I hope that all kinds of home gardening will be encouraged this year, not alone potatoes, and that a respectable showing be made in vegetables, flower raising, cooking and sewing.

COLDBROOK.

The school building at Coldbrook is so situated directly at the foot of an almost overhanging hill that the building is in the shadow long before school closes from November first to February first, while on dark days it is almost impossible to see after three o'clock. The buildings should be moved to nearly the middle of the South side of the yard, with rear close to the South line and facing a northerly direction, instead of facing the road. This change would not add to the beauty of the situation, but would be a decided benefit for the eyes of the pupil. I hope that some of the patrons of this school will carefully consider this recommendation. The estimated cost is one hundred dollars.

A LONGER SCHOOL YEAR.

The length of the school year has recently been increased one week. This is not enough. The latest report of the State Board of Education gives but two other towns in the state with school year so short as that of Oakham. I believe that it will be possible financially to so estimate our funds for another year that the length of the school year be increased. I recommend an attempt for a thirty-six weeks' school year.

INDUSTRIAL STUDIES.

You listened with interest to the address of State Agent Warren at your last graduation. It is time to think seriously

of this matter, not alone as a subject of educational interest as showing what has been done in other towns of the state, but what can be done in Oakham. I have recently started work of this nature, that is an industrial type, in the small town of Paxton with every prospect of success.

Woodworking and home gardening are being carried on for the boys; sewing and cooking are being taught the girls. We have been in the work only during the Winter term, but it has been long enough to indicate that it is worth while. One-fourth day per week is taken for this work; it is probably the most important quarter day in the week. I do not think that anything is lost from the regulation school work, as the pupils bring a greater interest to their studies. I consider the 'three "R's," the reading, writing and arithmetic, as the essentials of education. I not only say that these must be taught as well as in the olden days, but I say that they must be taught better than in the old times. Yes, I will say that right here in your own schools they *are* taught better than in old-time schools.

I believe that no superintendent, and no teacher, has a right to consider these new, the industrial studies, until such time as the essentials are well done. But when these important book subjects are well taught, as is true in your schools, I believe that we are not doing our full duty to the child if we do not open to him these subjects which the entire United States is to-day declaring important.

If this to us new phase of education is so important for Paxton that it has already received words of commendation from teachers employed by the state, is there any known reason why it should not be advantageous to Oakham? Your superintendent will be pleased to discuss this matter privately or publicly with any parents of the schools or citizens of the town interested.

I call your attention to the report of the Music Supervisor, the School Physician, the Table of Statistics and the Roll of Honor.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. L. RANDALL,
Superintendent.

School Physician's Report.

Mr. Charles L. Randall, Superintendent of Schools, Holden:

DEAR SIR:—In the performance of my duties as School Physician of the Town of Oakham, I visited the schools of that town on June 4, 1912, and again on September 12, 1912. The summary of the September report follows:

Number of pupils enrolled,	88
Number of pupils present,	84
Number of pupils absent,	4
Vaccinated,	74
Unvaccinated,	10
Enlarged tonsils,	9

The number of unvaccinated pupils, while less than last year, is still larger than it ought to be. It gives too favorable an opportunity for the spread of small-pox, if that disease should appear. In other respects the favorable impression noted in last year's report has been confirmed by the observations of the present year.

Yours very respectfully,

C. W. STICKNEY,
School Physician.

Holden, Feb. 10, 1913.

Report of the Supervisor of Music.

Mr. C. L. Randall, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—Few changes have been made in the conditions under which music is taught since the work has been under my direction. The time devoted to the work remains unchanged.

In all the grades I find an eager interest in music, manifested by the children in enthusiastic singing and this spirit is largely inspired by the teachers, who realize that not only is the child developing mentally, but physically and spiritually as well.

All children love to sing and they sing naturally of love, happiness, joy, patriotism and good will; the evil impulses of the soul do not thrive in a musical atmosphere.

So we count music one of the many things in modern education which appeals to the child and serves to create higher ideals.

In all grades note songs are being taught continually and all the individual help possible is given to the monotones. Aside from the important principles involved in time and tune, individual attention has been given to tone placing and tone production and a marked improvement in tone is noticed.

Children perceive rhythm before they do melody and in the song-plays, which are taught in the primary grades, make the rhythm of music fit the idea expressed in motions.

The upper grades are doing creditable work and the teachers are privileged at any time to introduce such work as will relate the music to the general subjects. The supervisor stands ready to assist in this work when asked.

The spirit of both teachers and pupils has been most sympathetic, and I wish again to express gratitude for the beautiful flowers which so sweetly expressed their sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLEY,

Supervisor of Music.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER	EDUCATED AT	Length of Service	Salary	Total Enrolment	Present Enrolment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Number of Visitors	Number of Pupils 7 to 14	No. of Pupils in 9th Grade	No. of Pupils in 8th Grade	No. of Bank Depositors	Amount of Deposits
Grammar	Florence E. Botiwell	No. Brookfield High.	33	\$12	26	23	23.7	21.8	92.2	60	22	2	4	12	\$49.59
Primary	Ethel Brauman	Northfield Seminary	33	\$10	18	13	13.9	13.1	93.3	35	13	0	0	7	\$4.21
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester Normal	33	\$11	27	22	22.3	21.6	96.8	65	15	4	0	15	\$50.13
South	Edie T. Swindell	Barre High	33	\$10	13	10	11.2	10.5	94.6	87	9	1	0	5	\$13.61
West	May E. O'Donnell	Barre High	22	\$10	12	10	10.9	10.1	92.3	44	9	1	2	0	

NOTE—Figures based on records since September. Total number of pupils, 96. Amount of deposits since May, \$117.54.

OAKHAM ROLL OF HONOR.

EIGHT YEARS.—George Dean.

TWO YEARS.—Dorothy Newton, Walter Tucker.

ONE YEAR.—Lavander Clifford, Gladys Stone.

TWO TERMS.—Hazel Grimes, Alexina Labonte, Eddie O'Donnell, Edith Plumb, Ruth Morse, Doris Bruce, Ivah Cody, Vernon Flynn, Ruby Bullard, Iola Wilson, Rosa Wilson, Susie Winslow, Franklin Cheever, Holbrook Prescott, Harold Bullard, Beatrice Howe, Doris Prevost.

ONE TERM.—Ella Ferrin, Walter Howe, Alfred Morse, Orton Butler, William Morse, Leslie Ensor, Laura Sney, Albert^t Prendergast, Viola Hapgood, Herman Dean, Henry Blake, Ralph Cody, Albert Eggleston, Walter Pierce, Ralph Prescott, Lena Knight, Joseph Bruce, Jennie Bullard, Gladys Cheever, Edgar Hall, Eric Harvey, Earle Parker, Myrtle Wilder, Edward Gaffney, Marian Ferrin, Kenneth Pierce, Esther Briggs, Euola Clifford, George Grimes, Roy Howe, Herbert Howe.

Honorary Mention.

Absent only on account of sickness.

Orton Butler, Leslie Ensor, Hazel Grimes, George Grimes, Walter Howe, Alexina Labonte, Alfred Morse, William Morse, Eddie O'Donnell, Edith Plumb, Joseph Bruce, Frances Hicks, Holbrook Prescott, Ralph Prescott, Henry Blake, Ivah Cody, Ralph Cody, Albert Eggleston, Vernon Flynn, Earle Parker, Walter Pierce, Susie Winslow, Edward McTeague, Harlan Boyd, Harry Boyd, Helen Gaffney, William Gaffney, Thomas Moran, Ethel Rutherford, Viola Hapgood, Helen Parkman, Hazel Briggs, Euola Clifford, Roy Howe, Herbert Howe, Doris Prevost, Albert Briggs, Esther Briggs.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
For the Year 1912.

BIRTHS.

- January 1, daughter (Barbara) to C. Frank and Ida F. Caldwell.
- January 3, daughter (Dorothy Arline) to Bert S. and Alice Reed.
- April 24, daughter (Edna Miriam) to Robert and Fannie Dwelley.
- June 18, son (Wm. Walter) to Oliver and Etta Wilkins.
- June 23, son (Willard Colin) to Clifford and Lillian Rutherford.
- July 23, daughter (Hazel Beatrice) to Fabius W. and Rhoda C. Beckwith.
- August 7, daughter (Nellie Tatricia) to E. J. and Laura Crawford.
- October 19, daughter (Marjorie Ruberta) to Sylvester and Ethel Dean.
- November 24, daughter (Mary Catherine) to Thomas and Ellen McTeague.

MARRIAGES.

- June 29, Irving L. Gardner to Katheryn O'Donnell.
- September 4, Edward S. Lawlor to Katheryn L. Gilboy.
- September 16, E. Leroy Barr to Charlotte Keep.

DEATHS.

DATE.	NAME.	YRS.	MOS.	DAYS
February 12,	Mrs. Emma P. Alix,	44	11	8
March 18,	James C. Bigelow,	72	3	19
April 22,	Mrs. Lavinia E. Caldwell,	65	9	22
May 27,	Henry D. Cummings,	28	10	16
September 10,	Mrs. Katheryn Lawlor,	31	11	21
October 22,	Mrs. Mary A. Briggs,	57	1	3

BURIED IN TOWN.

May 26,	Henry L. Babbitt,	54	8	20
July 30,	Child of M. F. Lincoln.			
October 2,	Mrs. Mary E. Hubbard,	80	3	28

Population, 552.

Number of voters : Male, 142 ; female, 10.

Number of dogs licensed, 72 ; male, 62 ; female, 10.

Number of hunter's licenses issued, 59.

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, SS.

*To either of the constables of the town of Oakham, in the
County of Worcester.*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the thirty-first day of March, current, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator, to preside at all town meetings, except for election of State officers, during the coming year.

Article 2d. To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

Article 3d. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers and six Constables, for one year. Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" all on one ballot. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th. To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 6th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for bonding their treasurer and collector.

Article 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 9th. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the current municipal year beginning April 1, 1913. in anticipation of the taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town thereof, payable within one year from the date thereof, these notes to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

Article 10th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 11th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Article 12th. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town for the ensuing year.

Article 13th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Article 14th. To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.

Article 15th. To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 16th. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock and Library Building for the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 17th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of the gypsy and brown tail moth.

Article 18th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the building of a fence on the line of the new road leading to the depot, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 19th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road from near the house of Jason Allen by the way of the Kelley hill, to Coldbrook depot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices. and one at the Congregational meeting house, in said town. seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

GARDNER M. DEAN,	}	<i>Selectmen of Oakham.</i>
JOHN P. DAY,		
G. T. BUTTERFIELD,		

A true copy. Attest. WILLIAM C. AYRES, *Constable.*

